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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$8,000,000 Dollars.

RESERVE FUND.....\$1,500,000 Dollars.

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman.—The Hon. W. KENWICK.

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LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits—

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, April 23, 1880.

COMPTEIR DESCOMPT DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1868.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION of 30th April, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP.....£3,200,000.

RESERVE FUND.....\$200,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, Rue Brouard,
PARIS.

AGENTS and BRANCHES at:

LONDON, BOURBON, SAN FRANCISCO,
MACKENZIE, BOMBAY, HONGKONG,
LYON, CALCUTTA, HAWKOW,
NANTU, SHANGHAI, FOOCHOW.

LONDON BANKERS:

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking and Exchange Business.

E. G. VOUILLEMONT,
Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1870.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3 per cent.
" 6 " " 4 " "
" 12 " " 5 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. G. SCOTT,
Managing Director.

Oriental Bank Corporation,

Hongkong, September 4, 1870.

CHARTERED MERCHANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on Fixed Deposits—

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " " 4 per cent. "

" 3 " " 2 per cent. "

H. G. NELSON,
Manager.

Hongkong, May 31, 1870.

Banks.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

CAPITAL.....\$800,000.

RESERVE FUND.....\$150,000.

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THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong

grants Drafts on London and the

Chief Commercial places in Europe and the

East; buys and receives for collection Bills of

Exchange, and conducts all kinds of

Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " " 4 per cent. "

" 12 " " 5 per cent. "

NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Registered in London under the Companies' Act of 1862, on 23rd March, 1866.

Established in Calcutta 29th September, 1863.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....\$333,000.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$465,250.

RESERVE FUND.....\$35,000.

HEAD OFFICE—39A, Threadneedle Street, London, E.C.

NATIONAL BANKERS.—

NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND.

NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

All descriptions of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

INTEREST allowed on CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balances; and on FIXED DEPOSITS according to arrangement—the maximum rate being 5 per cent. per annum.

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL.

Engaged Expressly for the Occasion.

THIS EVENING,

8th May, 1880.

FAREWELL APPEARANCE.

PROFESSOR HENNIKE

AND MADAME STILLA,

AND COMPLIMENTARY BENEFIT

TO MR. THOMAS KING,

The well-known Caster for PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS IN THE EAST.

DOUBLE PROGRAMME.

For their last appearance in Hongkong

GRAND GIFT DISTRIBUTION,

On which occasion Mr. KING will, at the Intermission, give away

ONE DOUBLE-RESULT REPORTING GUN.

(Choko Boro, Chink-Woo), by the Eminent Maker W. W. GRAMMERS & Co.,

Nett Value £25.

For First-class Ticket Holders only.

And also

FOUR VALUABLE PRIZES,

For Second-class Ticket Holders.

AND POSITIVELY THE COMPANY'S LAST APPEARANCE IN HONGKONG.

Reserved Seats.....\$2.

Second Class.....\$1.

Doors open at 8.30, commencing precisely at 9 o'clock.

Tickets may be obtained, and Seats secured with Coupon Numbers for the Prize Distribution, at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s, where Plan is now open.

Remember:

This Valuable Prize to be secured for Price of Admission only.

Guar now on view at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s. Each application for Seats is solicited so that the Coupons may be properly arranged.

Hongkong, May 8, 1880.

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Mr. SAYLES & CO.

Hongkong, May 7, 1880.

NOTICE.

ALL Persons having CLAIMS against

THE STATE of the late H. H. WATSON, of China, and all persons INDEBTED

thereunto, are requested to forward their

claims, and to make payment of their incum-

bdebts to the undersigned, or at before the

30th proximo.

J. D. WARDLAW,

Executor & Executor of the above Deed.

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31

THE CHINA MAIL.

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MACEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
JUST RECEIVED AND FOR SALE.
**NEW AND POPULAR
BOOKS.**

**EDUCATIONAL,
HISTORICAL,
WORKS OF REFERENCE,
FICTION, and
GENERAL LITERATURE.**

"English Circumnavigators."
Macaulay's "Great Triumph of Great Men."
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Moncrieff's "Famous Historical Scenes."
"English Explorers."
Mason's "Book for Every Day."
Bruce's "Book of Notable Women."
Small's "100 Wonders of the World."
Cicala's "Book about Travellers."
Burns' "Poetical Works."
Pop's "Poetical Works."
Byron's "Poetical Works."
"Roses and Holly."
"Pen and Pencil Pictures from Poets."
"Gems of Literature."
"Book of Elegant Extracts."
"Golden Gift Book."
"Treasury of Literature."
"Garland of Poetry and Prose."
"Cabinet of Gems."
"Three Hundred Bible Stories."
Eunyon's "Pilgrim Progress and Holy
War."
Stormont's "Handy English Word Book."
"Fifty Celebrities Men."
"Robinson Crusoe."
"Household Stories."
Noyes' "Boys' Book of Industrial Informa-
tion."
"Famous Boys."
"Merchant's Clerk."
"Poet's Tales of Mystery."
Beeton's "Dictionary of Information."
Beeton's "Dictionary of Natural History."
Beeton's "Dictionary of Biography."
Beeton's "Law Book."
Beeton's "Household Management."
Beeton's "All about Cookery."
Beeton's "All about Hard Words."
Beeton's "All about Everything."
Beeton's "All about Gardening."
Beeton's "Household Amusement."
Lee's "Law of Shipping and Insurance."
"Walsh on the Horse."
"The Dog by Stonehenge."
Graham's "Household Medicine."
Gardner's "Household Medicine."
Paddington's "Sailors' Horn Book."
Goodfellow's "Merchant's Calculator."
"Girls' Own Treasury."
Peper's "Boys' Play Book Science."
Foden's "Boat Master, &c."
Bunyan's "Law of Fire Insurance."
Byrne's "Elemental Elements of Practical
Mechanics."
"Corner Cupboard."
Croll's "Climate and Time."
Dawson's "Origin of the World."
"Church Service."
Whittaker's "Almanack for 1880."
Duncan's "Transformation of Insects."
Jones' "Book-Keeping."
Jones' "Book-Keeping for Schools, with
Key."
Cassell's "Sets of Ruled Books for Book-
Keeping Lessons."
Cassell's "French and English Correspond-
ence."
Cornwall's "Geography."
Cornwall's "Arithmetick."
Cornwall's "Grammar."
Murray's "Grammar."
MacCulloch's "Course of Reading."
"Practical Arithmetick," Senior.
Smith's "Smaller History of Greece."
Smith's "Smaller History of Rome."
Motley's "Rise and Fall Dutch Republic."
Motley's "United Netherlands."
Barrett's "Life and Death."
Enquiry Within.
"Newspaper."
"Ingleby's Legends."
Hume's "Essays."
Smith's "Wealth of Nations."
"Boys' Own Treasury."
"Comic History of England."
"Comic History of Rome."
"Carpenter's Synonyms."
Rogel's "Thesaurus."
Crabb's "English Synonyms."
Anderson's "Mercurial Correspondence."
Blakely's "Commercial Dictionary."
"Slany Dictionary."
Natal's "Standard Dictionary."
Ogilvie's "Student's Dictionary."
Ogilvie's "Smaller Dictionary."
Smith's "Synonyms."
"Dictionary of Quotations."
Chambers' "Arithmetick and Key."
"Manual of Mechanics."
"Manual of Steam Engines."
"Manual of Tides and Tidal Currents."
"Manual of Mathematical Tables."
"Child's History of England."
"Child's "Travel Talk."
"Bennett's "History of United States."
"Child's Guide to Knowledge."
"Child's Fable Book."
Maund's "Treasury of Knowledge."
Maund's "Botany."
Maund's "Biographical Treasury."
Maund's "Scientific and Historical Tre-
sury."
Maund's "National History."
Ayer's "Bible History."
Pether's "Comprehensive Specifier."
Froude's "Short Studies."
Bourne's "Recent Improvements."
Hume's "History of England."
White's "Latin and English Dictionary."
Buckle's "History of Civilization in Eng-
land."
Ames' "Primer English Constitution."
Swinburne's "Picture Logic."
Smith's "Wisdom and Wisdom."
Gray's "Catalogue of Postage Stamps."
Burn's "Self and Oedipus."
Jones' "English System of Book-Keeping."
Bennidge's "Boys' Annual."
"Language, Mr. Fawcett."
Spence's "Social State."
Spence's "Study of Sociology."
Spence's "First Principles."
Spence's "Principles of Sociology."
Spence's "Ceremonial Government."
Spence's "Ecclesiastics."
Haydn's "Dictionary of Science."
Smyth's "Our Inheritance in the Great
Pyramids."
Hawell's "Engineer's and Mechanic's
Pocket Book."
"Voyage of H.M.S. Challenger."
"Compendium of Universal History."
"Weekly Welcome."
Macaulay's "History of England."
Macaulay's "Critical & Historical Essays."
Macaulay's "Writings and Speeches."
"Oathless Lawyer."
Shepard's "Fall of Rome."
Dr. Ann's "Studies in French & German."
Oxford's "Method" in the study of
Languages adopted to the French
and German.
NOVELS!
NOVELS!

Mails.

**Occidental & Oriental Steam-
Ship Company.**

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED
STATES AND EUROPE,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CENTRAL
and

UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING
RAILROAD COMPANIES
AND
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. **OCEANIC**, Captain J. Mc-
CALPINE, will be despatched from San
Francisco via Yokohama, on MONDAY,
the 10th May, 1880, at 3 p.m., taking
Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United
States, Mexico, Central and South America,
and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until
4 p.m. of the 9th May. PARCEL PACK-
AGES will be received at the Office until
5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-
SENGER TICKETS.

Commercial Invoices to accompany Over-
land, Mexican, Central and South American
Cargo, should be sent to the Company's
Office addressed to the Collector of Customs,
San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.
Hongkong, April 24, 1880.

Insurances.

**LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.**

(FIRE AND LIFE)

CAPITAL.—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Polices against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, on
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Insurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, terms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to

ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1880.

**NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.**

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER AND
SPECIAL ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

ESTABLISHED 1802.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong
for the above Company, are prepared to
grant Polices against FIRE, to the extent of
£10,000 on any Building, or
on Merchandise in the same, at the
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

GILMAN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

**SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE
COMPANY.**

(FIRE AND LIFE)

INSURANCES AGAINST FIRE granted at
Current Rates. Considerable Reduc-
tion in Premium for LIFE Insurance in
China.

MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 2, 1878.

**SWISS LLOYD
TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY
OF WINTERTHUR.**

INSURANCES granted on MARINE
RISKS to all parts of the World.

MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 3, 1878.

**YANGTZE INSURANCE
ASSOCIATION.**

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up)..... £400,000.
PERMANENT RESERVE..... £200,000.
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND..... £20,000.

TOTAL CAPITAL AND AC-
CUMULATION, 25th £56,370
April, 1870.....

DIRECTORS.

F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.

M. W. BOYD, Esq. | Wm. MYERSON, Esq.
S. D. WARD, Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI:
Meers RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH:
Meers BARING BROTHERS & Co.,
Bankers.

FULLARTON HENDERSON, Esq.,
Agent, 8, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, E.C.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all
parts of the World.

Subject to a charge of 12% for Interest
on Shareholders' Capital, all the Profits
of the UNDERTAKING will be annually distributed among all Contributors
of Business in proportion to the Premium
paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 1, 1876.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to grant In-
surance at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co., Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

**THE OHIO FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of
China and Japan, and at Singapore,
Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance
granted at the rates of Premium current at
the above mentioned Ports.

TO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

**THE LONDON ASSURANCE
COMPANY.**

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

of

His Majesty King George the Fourth,

A. D. 1790.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargoes
are requested to send in their Bills of
Lading to the Undersigned for counter-
signature, and take immediate delivery
of their risk and premium.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 8, 1880.

**THE PENINSULAR AND
ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.**

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENTS in all the Principal Ports of
India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods
at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.

For further Particulars, apply to

A. McIVOR, Superintendent.

Hongkong, May 8, 1880.

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Insurances.

**QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.**

(FIRE AND LIFE)

CAPITAL.—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Polices against FIRE to the extent of
£45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored
therein, at current local rates, subject to a
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

**MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY OF
MANCHESTER AND LONDON.**

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling
of which is paid up £100,000.

Reserve Fund upwards of £120,000.

Annual Income £250,000.

THE Undersigned have been appointed
Agents for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai,
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant
Insurance at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

MR. N. C. STEVENS is hereby autho-
rized to sign our Name by Procur-
ation at AMOY, the Power held by Mr.
ELWELL CRANE from this Date.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 9, 1880.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed
Agents to the New York Board
of UNDERWRITERS.

ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 20, 1880.

**NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS
AND BOOKS.**

RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN
SHIPPING.

ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, September 3, 1879.

DYNAMITE, FUSES, DETONATORS,
&c.

Intimations.

THE CHINA REVIEW.

The widely-expressed regret at the discontinuance of *Notes & Queries* on China and Japan, has induced the publishers of this journal to issue a publication similar in object and style, but slightly modified in certain details.

The *CHINA REVIEW*, or *Notes and Queries on the Far East*, is issued at intervals of two months, each number containing about 60 octavo pages, occasionally illustrated with lithographs, photographs, woodcuts, &c., should the papers published demand, and the circulation justify, such extra matter.

The subscription is fixed at \$6.00 postage paid, per annum, by non-residents in Hongkong half-yearly in advance.

The publication includes papers original and selected upon the Arts and Sciences, Ethnology, Folklore, Geography, History, Literature, Mythology, Manners and Customs, Natural History, Religion, &c., dealing with "China, Japan, Mongolia, Tibet, the Eastern Archipelago, &c., the Far East" generally. A more detailed list of subjects upon which contributions are especially invited is incorporated with each number. Original contributions in Chinese, Latin, French, German, Spanish, Italian or Portuguese, are admissible. Endeavours are made to present a resume in each number of the contents of the most recent works bearing on Chinese matters. Great attention is also paid to the Review department.

Notes and Replies are classified together as "Notes" (head references being given, when furnished, to previous Notes or Queries), as are also those queries which, asking for information, furnish new or unpublished details concerning the matter in hand. It is desirable to make the Queries proper as brief and as much to the point as possible.

The *China Review* for July and August, 1875, is at hand. It says that forty-two essays were sent in to compete for the best paper on the advantage of Christianity for the development of a State. All our learned societies should subscribe to this scholarly and enterprising Review. It is a sixty-paged, bi-monthly, repository of what scholars are ascertaining about China. The lecture on Chinese Poetry in this volume is alone worth the price of the Review. Address *China Review*, Hongkong.—Northern Christian Advocate (U.S.).

Trübner's Oriental Record contains the following notice of the *China Review*:—"This is the title of a publication, the first number of which has lately reached us from Hongkong, where it has been set on foot as in some respects a continuation of *Notes and Queries on China and Japan*, the extinction of which useful serial a year or two ago has been much regretted in Europe as well as in China. The present publication, judged by the number now before us, is intended to occupy a position, as regards China and its neighbouring countries, somewhat similar to that which has been filled in India by the *Calcutta Review*. The great degree of attention that has been bestowed of late years upon the investigation of Chinese literature, antiquities, and social developments, to say nothing of linguistic studies, has led to the accumulation of important stores of information, rendering some such channel of publicity as is now provided extremely desirable; and contributions of much interest may fairly be looked for from the members of the foreign consular services, the Chinese Customs' corps, and the missionary body, among whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is now abundantly cultivated, and who are severally represented in the first number of the Review by papers highly creditable to their respective authors. In a paper on Dr. Legge's *Shu King*, by the Rev. E. J. Elstal, to which the place of honour is deservedly given, an excellent summary is presented of the chronological problems and arguments involved in connexion with this important work. Some translations from Chinese novels and plays are marked by both accuracy and freshness of style; and an account of the career of the Chinese post-stationmaster of the eleventh century, Sung Tung-yo, by Mr. E. C. Bowra, is not only historically valuable, but is also distinguished by its literary grace. Besides notices of new books relating to China and the East, which will be a useful feature of the Review, if carried out with punctuality and detail, we are glad to notice that "Notes" and "Queries" are destined to find a place in its pages also. It is to be hoped that this opening for contributions on Chinese subjects may evoke a similar degree of literary zeal to that which was displayed during the lifetime of its predecessor in the field, and that the *China Review* may receive the support necessary to insure its continuance. The publication is intended to appear every two months, and will form a substantial octavo magazine."

THE CHINESE MAIL.

This paper is now issued every day. The subscription is fixed at Five Dollars, per annum, delivered in Hongkong, or Seven Dollars Five Cents including postage to Coast ports.

It is the first Chinese Newspaper tested under purely native direction. The chief support of the paper is of course derived from the native community, amongst whom also are to be found the governors and securities necessary to place it on a business and legal footing.

The projector, bearing their estimates upon the most reliable information from the various Ports in China and Japan—Australia, California, Singapore, Penang, Saigon, and other places frequented by the Chinese—consider themselves justified in guaranteeing an ultimate circulation of between 3,000 and 4,000 copies. The advantages offered to advertisers are therefore unusually great and the foreign community generally will find it to their interest to avail themselves of them.

The field open to a paper of this description—conducted by native efforts, but progressive and anti-obstructive in tone—almost unlimited. It is on the one hand commands Chinese belief and interest while on the other deserves every aid that can be given to it by foreigners. Like English journals it contains Editorial with Local, Shipping, and Commercial News and Advertisements.

Subscription orders for either of the above may be sent to

GEO. MURRAY RAIN,
CHIN. MAIL OFFICE.

NOW READ YE.

YOUNG-SHUI, or THE BUDHIST OF NARVAYA'S REIGN IN CHINA, BY DR. T. J. MURRAY, ONE Volume, 8vo, Price, £1.50.
Orders will be received by Messrs. Laidlow & Co.,
Hongkong, July 1, 1874.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusives of Late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *a*, near the Kowloon shore *b*, and those in the body of the Harbour *c*.

Shipping or midway between each shore are marked *d*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.

- From Green Island to the Gas Works.
- From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
- From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
- From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
- From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peidai's Wharf.
- From Peidai's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
- From Naval Yard to the Pier.
- From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.

Captain.

Flag and Rig.

Tons.

Date of Arrival.

Consignee or Agent.

Destination.

Remarks.

Steamers

Afghan 2 h Rowley Brit. str. 1468 April 30 Birley & Co.

Ames 2 h Mooney Brit. str. 565 May 7 Birley & Co.

Boissois-Baron Foh. str. 2432 May 6 Messageries Maritimes

Brahm 5 h Mackay Brit. str. 1392 May 7 David Sasoon, Sons & Co.

Calion 6 h Ahrens Ger. str. 789 May 7 Meyer & Co.

Carsten 2 h Castle Brit. str. 1119 April 28 Gibbs Livingston & Co.

Cassandra 3 b Langen Brit. str. 648 April 23 Siemssen & Co.

Consolation 2 h Young Brit. str. 764 April 25 Yen Fat Hong

Danube 5 b Young Brit. str. 561 April 25 Yen Fat Hong

Emrys 4 c Blanco Span. str. 223 May 8 Remedio & Co.

Esmeralda 5 h Talbot Brit. str. 395 May 7 Russell & Co.

Fame 6 b Stepan Brit. str. 117 May 8 H. K. & W. P. Dock Co.

Feyew 6 h Orford Brit. str. 920 May 8 P. M. S. N. Co.

Glendal 3 b Grog Brit. str. 1658 April 18 Adamson, Bell & Co.

Glenloch 7 Park Brit. str. 2166 April 18 Gardine, Matheson & Co.

Hailoung 5 b Poocell Brit. str. 277 May 7 Douglas Lapraik & Co.

Halmay 5 b Gunner Amer. str. 381 May 7 Russell & Co.

Hartax 4 c Brathwaite Brit. str. 1184 May 7 Gibb, Livingston & Co.

Hazell 5 d Ridder Dut. str. 1037 April 28 R. Stevens & Co.

Kennure Castle 2 h Luck Brit. str. 1068 May 7 Adamson, Bell & Co.

Meth 7 c Johnson Brit. str. 1327 May 7 Gardine, Matheson & Co.

Monnum 7 c Ellis Brit. str. 2000 May 7 Gibb, Livingston & Co.

Norma 2 b Love Brit. str. 600 May 7 K. Achong & Sons

Oceanus 5 b Metcalfe Brit. str. 220 May 7 D. & O. S. B. Co.

Sea Gull 8 b Haydon Amer. str. 307 April 25 China Traders' Insurance Co.

Strathmore 3 c Rowell Brit. str. 1383 April 25 Gibb, Livingston & Co.

Sue 5 b Eaton Brit. str. 1390 May 7 Gardine, Matheson & Co.

Thales 5 c Eaton Brit. str. 820 May 7 Gardine, Matheson & Co.

Volga 5 c Guiraud Brit. str. 959 May 7 Messageries Maritimes

Sailing Vessels

Anoy 2 c Schade Ger. str. sc. 314 April 17 Eduard Schellhass & Co.

Bon S. Hall 5 c Nelson Am. brtine. 455 May 5 Wialer & Co.

Bun-Ban 1 h Hansen Siam. str. 574 May 5 Yen Fat Hong

Catalina 2 h Kandian Siam. str. 779 May 5 Yen Fat Hong

Chamis 7 c Austin Brit. str. 770 May 7 Siemssen & Co.

Chidella 3 b Bozen Ger. str. 176 April 23 Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

Coriol 3 b Winters Amer. bge. 556 April 18 Vogel & Co.

Coriol 3 b Forbes Amer. bge. 670 April 18 Vogel & Co.

Georgina 3 c Krauer Brit. bge. 816 April 18 Vogel & Co.

Gloria 2 h March Siam. str. 449 April 28 Chines.

Hamburg 4 c Krage Amer. str. 849 April 28 Eduard Schellhass & Co.

James & Stone 4 c Westan Amer. str. 710 May 7 Russell & Co.

Josias 3 b Horstmann Brit. str. 815 May 7 Melchers & Co.

Lothas 3 b Boukou Brit. str. 783 April 28 Vogel & Co.

Manuel 2 c Engelviller Span. sch. 282 April 28 Order

Margretha 4 c Thiesen Ger. bge. 357 April 28 Wialer & Co.

Morning Star 2 b Michaelson Ger. bge. 579 April 28 Chinese

Nautilus 4 c Thomason Ger. bge. 725 April 28 Remedio & Co.

Otto 1 d Koch Brit. str. 281 April 28 Vogel & Co.

Palestine 5 b Maynard Brit. str. 598 April 28 Vogel & Co.

Paul Marie 5 k Gaillard Foh. bge. 324 May 7 Order

Queen of England 5 k Utter Brit. str. 640 May 7 Order

Spirit of the Age 5 k Vincent Amer. sch. 81 Aug. 27 W. H. Ray

Star 5 d Williams Brit. bge. 347 April 28 Vogel & Co.

Strathmore 5 d Day Amer. bge. 408 April 28 Adamson, Bell & Co.

Sunmara 3 d Anderson Amer. bge. 1103 Sept. 8 Vogel & Co.

Twilight 3 d Warland Amer. str. 1303 Mar. 8 Vogel & Co.

WHAMPONA

Harmin Meyer. Dutch bge. 350 May 6 Edward Schellhass & Co.

Trio Bakker. Dutch bge. 283 April 24 Siemssen & Co.

CANTON

Amoy Drewes. Brit. str. 814 May 6 Siemssen & Co.

Men-of-war in Hongkong Harbour.

Vessel's Name.

decked.

Flag.

Class.

Tons.

Guns.

H. P.

Date of Arrival.

Commander.

Coron 7 c British corvette 2883 ... May 6 J. W. East

Encounter 7 c British corvette 822 ... April 28 Hon. A. D. S. Denison

India K. D. British troop-ship 592 4 100 ... Augusto Margueda

Katral 5 c British gun-boat 1018 8 200 April 27 Schering

Lake 5 c German corvette 2591 ... 200 ...

Maclear 5 c British gunboat 448 4 120 May 1 MacLean

Midge 5 b British gunboat 3800 200 400 ...

Prins Adalbert 5 c German gunboat 3087 20 400 ...

Victor Emanuel 5 c German gunboat 3087 20 400 ...

HONGKONG, MACAO AND CANTON RIVER STEAMERS.

Name.

Type.

Captain.

Owner.

Arrival.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

Alphonse French

Baron French

Chien-ku French

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the hurrying to and fro of the native and foreign "chau-sze," and in the meantime we can only hope that the same prudence may be shown this year as was so wisely displayed last season. At Foochow, the same moderation is expected to be observed as has been forced upon buyers generally, and the same uncertainty seems to exist as to when purchases will actually begin. Most of the foreign buyers are said to have received very hard and fast limits, and the tea men most likely will have to bow to the inevitable and ultimately accept reasonable offers. This may possibly prevent the market from being opened until nearly or quite the end of the month, although several of the crack steamers are already on the berth at the Anchorage. The possibility or probability of complications between Russia and China has doubtless exercised some small influence upon the routes taken by the Tea bought for Russia. Three or four steamers are this year destined for Odessa, while arrangements are said to have been made for transhipping Teas at Port Said, from London steamers, for Southern Russia. It is estimated that, exclusive of the Mail steamers and the Blue-funnel boats, there will be about fifty steamers engaged in the Tea trade this season, the bulk of which have either already arrived or are fast approaching these waters. This is slightly in excess of the tonnage available last year, and may be roughly stated at 65,000 or 70,000 tons. Of this large total the fast favourites known as the Glens represent over a sixth part, or say 12,000 tons; those vessels having fairly established their claim of landing the first direct teas in England and New York, from China and Japan. Judging from present appearances, the Glences and Glenclares are safe to secure that honour so far as Hankow and Foochow are concerned; while the Glenfalloch takes the route from Japan to New York. Next to the Glens may be ranked the Castles, and, as to tonnage but not speed, the Shires. The London Castles take the berth at Hankow, and will most likely land the second cargo in London from the Northern market; while the Braemar Castle takes in her cargo at Foochow. The steamer Hankow is somewhat behind time this year, and is only expected here say a week hence.

We append a list of the vessels fixed with their ports of departure, as far as can be ascertained:

From Hankow—Glencorey, Glenarney, Glascarron, London Castle, Glamis Castle, Breconshire, Strathaven, Caledonian, Afghan, Cairnsmuir, Malabar, Russia, Moscow, Petersburgh.

From Foochow—Glenclares, Glenroy, Glenlyon, Braemar Castle, Flitthire (I), Killary, Benarty.

From Japan—Glenfalloch, Glenroby, Redruthshire, Hatter, Guy Manning.

Of those that are not yet reported as fixed, we may mention these—Gordon Castle, Fleurs Castle, Hawick, Merionethshire, Kenmure Castle, Bangs, Strathmore, Galley of Lorne, Lord of the Isles, Sunbeam, Saraph, Busto, Hespeler, Lyde, Cassandra, Electra, Moat.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL"]
(Per R. H. A. & Co. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

MR GOSCHEN ACTS FOR MR LAYARD
AT CONSTANTINOPLE.

LONDON, May 6.

Mr Goschen has been appointed Ambassador to Constantinople during the absence on leave of Mr Layard.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next FRENCH MAIL may be expected on Monday morning next the 10th inst., by the M. M. steamer *Ironbound*. London dates to the 2nd inst. are brought on by this opportunity.

The next AMERICAN MAIL may be expected here on Monday next, the 10th inst., by the *Belgrave*, which left Yokohama on the 4th inst.

H. R. H. PRINCE HEINSICK returns from Canton on Monday, when his leave expires. H. R. H. does not, we understand, intend visiting Macao.

As rather a curio in its way, we give the menu of the luncheon yesterday at Government House:

Bird's Nest Soup.
Stewed Carrots.
Baked Grapes.
Partridge Pâté.
Sauces and Truffles.
Fried Mutton Chops.
Sharks Fin.
Roast Turkey.
Boiled Ham.
Roast Saddle of Mutton.
Chocolate Cake.
Fruit Tart.
Vanilla Puff.
Mango Ice.
Strawberry Loaf.

The Governor of Macao is sending home a complete collection of the Vegetable Products of China by the transport *Jedda* for the Colonial Museum in Lisbon. The whole collection of articles will be exhibited in the Senate House, Macao, to-morrow (Sunday), at one o'clock. The collection consists of specimens of every description of articles manufactured from vegetable matter, such as mats, baskets, &c., &c. The exhibits are gifts from the Chinese merchants of Macao.

It would appear that what is now regarded as the bungle of the *Jedda* was looked upon with greater dissatisfaction than we had supposed, the Officers and men of both Services having been first printed and then impressed over the matter. Men who are given to the study of strict orders and who are regulated by Regulations perhaps look more seriously than do outsiders upon such things. But the "big bungle" is one which ought to be punctiliously attended to, and H. R. H. the Governor is alleged to have shown some laxity in this matter on former occasions. It is however stated that the Royal

Standard is never used except on State occasions: this is conclusive; but it may be added that the Royal Standard is never hoisted without being saluted, and this honour was not paid to the symbol of Royalty on this occasion. According to Sect. 1, Para. 42, of the Queen's Regulations—"The Royal Standard and the Standard of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales do not return at sea, and no other flag is to be saluted in presence of either of these standards." The operation of striking the Royal Standard and saluting another immediately afterwards in the mode generally adopted for officially offering an apology for an insult. At this was clearly not intended, there must be something wrong somewhere—if there be not a mistake in the Regulations themselves.

The Prince Consort took the liveliest interest in political matters; at the same time, to use Mr Martin's words, his letters show with "what delight he turned from politics to the thoughts that make the happiness of houses." Writing on January 25th, 1860, to the Princess Royal at Berlin, the Prince says, and the letter is worth reproducing at the present time:—

"It is just two years to-day since the wedding-ring was placed upon your finger, and *Father* became your lord. May the auspicious beginning of this union form the example for an auspicious future for us, and may God continue to bless us. He has indeed blessed us! Love consists in the fundamental principle of happiness. Very soon, in two days, the first birthday will be here of the little boy. Accept, both of you, for both dear festivals, the very warmest good wishes of my heart. Time flies on with wonderful rapidity."

"We came back yesterday afternoon from the opening of Parliament. Alice and Lenchen (*Princess Helene*) were present for the first time."

It is interesting to note what unfailing interest the Prince Consort invariably took in all matters appertaining to the wide field of Universal Art, not alone in public speeches, but in various encouraging remarks to his children when they happened to have been separated from him. One of the most pleasant incidents of the London season for the Prince was the opening of the various Art Exhibitions, which he never failed to visit, and from which purchases were frequently made by the Queen as well as by himself. What was done in the Art world was also a subject of especial interest to his daughter at Berlin, herself an artist of no mean attainments, and on May 9th he sent her a catalogue of the Royal Academy Exhibition, with the following remarks:—

"The Exhibition of the Royal Academy is very good this year. The best picture is undoubtedly that of your marriage. It is, indeed, altogether excellent, and is acknowledged and admired as such on all hands. Dobson has some very pretty things. Landseer, his 'Flood'—a picture which I have seen in progress for twelve years, and which twelve years ago was wonderfully beautiful, and has been injured by every change it has undergone since, till now it has become a complete failure. What a pity! Moira has painted a very good miniature of Alice, half-length, in a white ball-dress, in face. Dyce, Cole, and Heriot have very pretty pictures. There is a small one only, and Madeline none at all. Many young artists have very good works, such as Elmore, Egg, a young stone (the father is dead), Le Jeune, &c. I send you a catalogue in which I have set a mark against the best."

In another brief letter to the Princess Royal he remarks:—

"Your plastic labours have arrived, and they have been duly admired. The attitude of the Jane Grey is especially natural and happy. Gretchen in *Reitzsch's Faust* must have been before you in producing it, as Baron von Seckendorff did in the *Mary Stuart*. They are complete successes."

We have seen the *Orpheus* (Clock's) two, and I admire it extremely. It is a real refreshment after our modern sound and fury (Graebe), and the works of the Italian school, which depend entirely on individual mordacity, and have no regard whatever to the poetry of the drama. Here we have a poem presented in music, and this is why, with the scintillating materials, the effect is so impressive. Schilling plays the part admirably.

The following instructive tale is told by the *Singapore Times*:—

On Wednesday, 21st April, the dead body of a man, much decomposed, was found in the grounds of the residence of H. H. the Maharajah of Johore, at Tey-sall. The Follet were communicated with, and a European Inspector of Police came to the spot, examined the body, and had it removed. Major Durbin, accepting, doubtless, the statement of the Inspector, officially reported that the body was that of an African, the hair being unquestionably not a European's; but the nose, having wasted away, left no clue. The remains were buried. A few days afterwards the Native Inspector of Police in whose jurisdiction the warrant had previously been placed against a German named Arndt, who it was supposed lived in the *House of Pois* under an assumed name, came to the conclusion that, perhaps, the African might have been a German, a question about whom he had no collateral information. He reported his finding to his chief, who, it is said, had his authority to apply for an order to the Governor for the examination of the body. This was obtained, and, more, though the name of the missing German was found on the shirt which was on his body and was buried with him, and a card laying no claim as to his identity was found in his pocket. Now, for the first time, the Inspector who had reported the circumstances officially, handed the body to Major Durbin, who was ordered to apply for an order to the Governor for the examination of the body. This was obtained, and, more, though the name of the missing German was found on the shirt which was on his body and was buried with him, and a card laying no claim as to his identity was found in his pocket. Now, for the first time, the Inspector who had reported the circumstances officially, handed the body to Major Durbin, who was ordered to apply for an order to the Governor for the examination of the body. 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ORIGINAL ACROSTIC.

The two principal words or "Uprights" in these Acrostics will be usually of some passing topic of the day, or other subject of general interest. No such restriction is applied to the lights.

A Silver Cup value \$20 will be given to the person giving the largest number correctly, up to the second, by the Saturday before June the 1st.

All answers to be sent to the Editor, *China Mail*, by noon every Saturday, in an envelope marked "Acrostic."

A new Acrostic will appear every Saturday, together with the answer to the previous one (if it has been solved), and also the names of those who have given it correctly. Acrostic No. VII begins the series.

ANSWER TO NO. XVII.

Court.	Smile.
C	Cheops
O	Opium
U	Ultime
R	Ritual
T	Thule

Correct answers have been received from "Jack and Jill," and "Late."

No. XIX. will conclude the series.

NO. XIX.

Adieu—pleasant isle of the fair rolling sea
May'st thou ever remain, bright home of the
true;

In Victoria's crown, though last but not
least,

A gem ever precious, fair star of the East!

1.

My nature from this common axiom starts;
Then canst divide into two equal parts.

2.

See where the whirling chariots seek the goal,
One moment more! The struggle at an end;
The pride of victory swells the hero's soul
As on his bivouac the sacred bays descend,
The eager nations to thy footstool climb,
Poets and heroes seek the envied prize;
Then gave't a name to all-devouring Time,
The infant world beheld thy glorious rise.

3.

His words of wisdom were to all command,
And held in check the wild Hellenic band.

4.

Far o'er the verdant Breton fields—away
Where Ranche's silver thread divides the
plain,
A moss-grown chateau rears its turret grey;
An English lady sang the sad refrain.

5.

Where human skill and art have shewn their
powers;

6.

An Englishman his country's honour sold
For twice six lakh of native Indian gold;
Another came, this was his mild demand
"For lack of pelf, I'll take this Indian land."
In England, oft, they style a Hindoo brother,
But for a pound, they'd skin that Hindoo's
mother.

7.

The scene of blundering and of sad disaster;
Yet spite of all the white man proved the
master.

8.

You take it at night when of cold you're
complaining;
A food farinaceous for crews that are train-
ing.

Yoroz.

WORD SQUARES.

Prizes of \$15 and \$10 are offered to ladies
who succeed in "squeezing" the greatest number
of words by the Saturday preceding Midsummer
Day next.

Particular attention is called to the following
Revised Rules:

Words squared with ordinary English words
will receive three credits, those squared by
employing words not in common use and
highly technical words will receive two credits.
Those squared by using technical terms and
foreign words one credit. These credits will be
additive, and unsuccessful answers will be
published. No word will rank as a common
English word unless it can be found in a modern
English Dictionary; while at the same time it
must be understood that many words to be found
in modern English Dictionaries are not common
words.

All answers should be sent to the Editor,
China Mail, by noon on Saturday, and a new
word will be given each week.

"P O L O ."

The fifteen answers received are classified
as follows:—"Archduke," "Catarina," "Isa-
bel," "Janet," "Jill," "Judy," "Kirsty,"
"Kitten," "Kris," "Late," "Little One,"
"Midge," "Mona," "Farya Prulla"; first
class; "Busy Bee," second class.

"Midge" has sent the following answer:

P O L O

O M E N

L E A L

O N L Y

The next word to be "squared" is
"PEPPES."

Yoroz.

SONGS AND SONNETS FROM
THE SPANISH.

IV.

O, give me to lie
Neath the Summer's sky
O'er flowing ring meadows grazing;
To hear the roar
On the pebbly shore
Of th' angry Ocean raging.

To track the cloud
In its golden shroud
The spirit of Day attending;
Whilst gentle Night
And her lemons bright
Their chaste grace are lending.

Comes the soft breeze
Through the whispering trees
My toll-worn temples aching;
The dreamy air
Murmuring forth a blessing.

O welcome peace!
Temptations cease!
They crowding voices deafen;
In Nature's arms
I lie my chariot,
There rambling find my heaven.

BACKBONE.

When you see a fellow mortal
Without fixed and fearless views,
Hanging on the skirts of others,
Walking in their cast-off shoes,
Bowing low to wealth and favour,
With abject, uncovered head;
Ready to retract or waver;
Willing to be turned or led,
Walk yourself with firmer bearing;
Throw your moral shoulders back;
Show your spine has nerve and marrow—
Just the things which his must lack,
A stronger word
Was never heard
Than this—backbone.

When you see a theologian
Hugging close some ugly creed,
Fearing to reject or question
Dogmas which his priest may read;
Holding back all noble feeling;
Choking down each manly view,
Carving more for forms and symbols
Than to know the Good and True;
Walk yourself with firmer bearing;
Throw your moral shoulders back;
Show your spine has nerve and marrow—
Just the things which his must lack.

A stronger word
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When you see a politician
Crawling through contracted holes,
Begging for some fat position,
In the House or at the polls;
With no sterling manhood in him;
Nothing stable, broad, or sound;
Destitute of pluck or balaust;
Double-sided all around;

Walk yourself with firmer bearing;
Throw your moral shoulders back;
Show your spine has nerve and marrow—
Just the things which his must lack.

A stronger word
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A modest song, and plainly told—
The text is worth a mine of gold;
For many men most sadly lack
A noble stiffness in the back.

A RUSSO-CHINESE WAR.

(*Japan Gazette*)

Some weeks since, we stated that the Viceroy Li had ordered foreign drillers to be engaged for the Chinese army. The accuracy of our statement was denied, but by late accounts from Shanghai we find that a number of French and German military instructors, in fact

all that were obtainable in China, had

been engaged at the pay of three hundred dollars per month, and had gone, or are to go, to Tientsin, to await the Viceroy's dispositions. We have also been told, that engagements of a higher and more important class of foreigners for training purposes are being made in Europe, but as a blow against China the conquest would be worthless, as the immense tracts of "antres vast and deserts idle," would be a stronger defence to north-western China than all the men Tsao could array. For like reason, an attack from Tsingtao would be also futile. Passing by the other points of contact as mostly unsuitable for the purpose, the Russian land attack would probably be by two of three main lines; namely, first by Manchuria and Urga to the grassy plains of Mongolia. Although the distances to be traversed are long—twelve or thirteen hundred miles—the troops, horses and beasts of burden could be fed and watered, as forage and meat supplies would be abundant. It is known too, that the possible adherents of Russia among the Mongols are on this particular route. Second, by Khabarovka and either or both by the line of the Sungari, and the line of the Usuri. For numbers two the first objective would be Moukden, the heart of Manchuria. The distances are undoubtedly long, but the Amur steam flotilla could render great assistance in transporting guns, stores, and men, between the months of April and October, when the Usuri is navigable, and the Sungari partially so.

It is evident that the Chinese empire

is preparing for a contest with Russia,

and has counted the risks and cost.

The struggle, if it occurs, will not be solely for the free restitution of Kuldja (Ili) without the onerous clauses of the Chung How treaty, but also because

since 1860, when the last great cession

of Amur territory was extorted by the impudent pretences and covert threats of General Ignatieff, Russia has carried on a continual sapping process in Mongolia and Chinese Manchuria, through agents who, for the most part, are Mongols or Manchu professors of the Orthodox faith.

In some few notable instances the Russian agents are men of mixed race—Russo-Chinese on the father's side.

To what extent the inaudible but steady process of detachment has been carried on, is hard to say. Undoubtedly the Chinese government receive, from time to time, severe shocks of alarm, in the winter of 1876, it was known in Peking that Russia had secured the adhesion of some important Mongol tribes, and at the same moment it became known that treasonable intrigues for a like end in Manchuria, had excited alarm in Moukden. It is no secret that at this particular time, in consequence, serious advice was pressed upon the Empress to Chingtao, or to some other distant port of iron-clad vessels, nor are the corvettes of more avail in the shallow waters. Any attack on the Peihuo must be made by vessels drawing no more than six to eight feet of water, and carrying guns from eighteen to thirty-eins tons weight. It will soon have with him at least a dozen of the Chung How craft in the Peihuo. An attack on the fort must be made with preponderance of force, this may mean twenty or twenty-five gun vessels are necessary to reduce the fort, and to overpower the defending flotilla. And when the Taku and Peihuo works are taken, there is the great citadel near Kukoo to be passed, and the Peihuo, a shallow, narrow, and uncertain stream, would be strewn with torpedoes. By at least two military commissions it was estimated that to reduce the Peihuo was necessary, the Chinese seem to have changed a good deal since his death.

It is a work just published, "Old Glas-

gow"—that the one hundred years

ago the population of the city was less

than 200,000, and is now about 1,000,000. And this growth is mainly due to the commerce and industry of the metropolis, Glasgow.

The citizens of London, inheriting their magnificent river, the men of Glas-

gow, it may be noted, import their

manufactures, and export their com-

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